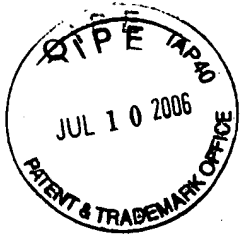


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 1, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.